

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**DISPERSION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR SOLITON OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with  
5 pages of specification and claims including  
6 numbered claims and also attached is/are  
4 sheets of accompanying drawings.  
☒ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.  
9524203.8  
PCT/GB96/02923

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Great Britain  
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27 November 1995  
27 November 1996

respectively, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No. **PCT/GB96/02923**, filed **27 November 1996**.--

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed .--

Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.  
Also attached. International Search Report, IDS & PTO 1449

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